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TO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL/CREDENTIAL PRESENTATION
PROTOCOL

FROM AMB. STEVENSON FOR CHARGE

1. AF/E HAS RECOMMENDED, AND I CONCUR, THAT I PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MALAWI SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF ANNUAL MCP CONVENTION IN SEPTEMBER TO PERMIT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT BANDA PRIOR TO OPENING OF CONVENTION. PLEASE ADVISE DATES OF CONVENTION AND YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF HOW LONG BEFORE OPENING DATE I SHOULD ARRIVE.

2. FORMER DCM CHESTER HAS ADVISED THAT WHEN AMB. BURDETT PRESENTED CREDENTIALS, HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DCM, PAO, AID DIRECTOR AND DATT. AT THAT TIME ALL CIVILIAN OFFICERS ATTENDING CEREMONY WERE REQUIRED WEAR FORMAL MORNING ATTIRE, INCLUDING TOP HAT. PRESUME FROM YOUR INCLUSION A-39, 1969 IN BRIEFING BOOK (FOR WHICH I AM MOST GRATEFUL), THAT DRESS REQUIREMENT STILL IN EFFECT. ADMIN OFFICER-DESIGNATE NORTH HAS

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KINDLY OFFERED TO ARRANGE FOR RENTAL OF AND INCLUSION

IN HIS AIR FREIGHT OF ANY MORNING CLOTHES NECESSARY
FOR EMBOFFS ATTENDING CEREMONIES. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. AS INDICATED ABOVE, I NOTE THAT IN 1970
CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY, DCM AND THREE
OTHER AGENCY CHIEFS ACCOMPANIED AMB. BURDETT TO
CEREMONY AT A TIME WHEN EMBASSY WAS LARGER THAN AT
PRESENT. IN VIEW FACT THAT INCLUSION IN UPCOMING
CEREMONY OF ALL EMBOFFS (DCM, ADMIN, ECON) AND
OTHER AGENCY REPS (PAO, DATT) WOULD BE INCREASE OF
ONLY ONE PARTICIPANT OVER 1970, WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER GOM PROTOCOL
WILL PERMIT ALL FIVE ABOVE LISTED OFFICERS
ACCOMPANY; AND DESIREABILITY OF SUCH ARRANGEMENT.
AT SAME TIME, I WISH TO STRESS THAT I DO NOT
DESIRE ANY OF FOUR CIVILIAN OFFICERS (EXCEPT YOURSELF)
TO FEEL OBLIGATED TO ASSUME FINANCIAL COST OF
RENTAL FORMAL ATTIRE.

4. TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION DRAFT REMARKS
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